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# Session I



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## Harmonisation and effective use of the IAEA Safety Standards

- Welcome and Overview
- Speakers
  - Implementation of the EU Directive
  - Views of the Commission on Safety Standards
  - Feedback mechanisms to IAEA
- Panel discussion

# Chairman's Overview (1)

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- Harmonisation doesn't necessarily mean standardisation
- Member States have developed different nuclear safety regulatory regimes for a number of very good reasons, including:
  - history of nuclear programme, including decisions on types of NPPs
  - legal infrastructure already in place
  - national safety infrastructure
- The process of harmonisation is what is important

## Chairman's Overview (2)

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- Member States from all different regulatory backgrounds have cooperated in the development of the IAEA Safety Standards
- The different regimes range in level of prescription
- Diversity of approaches is a good principle to ensure high levels of nuclear safety

# Chairman's Overview (3)

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- The IAEA Safety Standards
  - identify how high levels of safety can be achieved without prescribing a specific regulatory regime or technology
  - guide Member States towards a harmonised nuclear safety regulatory framework
  - the world's corporate memory of 50 years of experience

## Chairman's Overview (4)

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- Harmonised and effective use of an integrated set of IAEA Safety Standards contributes to continuous improvement of nuclear safety worldwide
- Need to build on the Safety Standards to bring together Safety, Security and Safeguards in one integrated, harmonised approach